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1. INFORMAL MEETING REFERRED REFTTEL FINALLY CONVENED BY SWEDES APRIL 3 FOR PURPOSE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION RE PREPARATIONS FOR GC. INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO CORE GROUP WHO COOPERATED AT STOCKHOLM AND DURING GA. SWEDEN, BRAZIL, INDONESIA, KENYA, CANADA AND USA ATTENDED. EGYPT, WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF GC, DID NOT. MEETING WAS USEFUL FIRST EXCHANGE IN ALL RESPECTS.

2. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION BY SWEDISH PERM REP AND INITIAL EXCHANGE, WHICH REALLY A KIND OF GROPING ON HOW TO COME TO TERMS WITH PREPARATION, AGREEMENT BEGAN TO EMERGE THAT THIS AND, PERHAPS, SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL MEETINGS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SETTING STAGE FOR MAY PRE- SESSIONAL MEETING EXDIR PLANS TO HAVE WITH MEMBERS OF GC AND PROVIDING EXDIR WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS MEETING.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION LEANED TOWARD MAY MEETING CON-
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CENTRATION ON SELECTION GC BUREAU; GC RULES OF PROCEDURE;
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FUND RULES AND REGULATIONS;

OPPORTUNITY FOR EXDIR ELABORATE ON CONSULTATIONS WITH AGENCIES AND PROVISIONS FOR COORDINATION, HIS IDEAS ON PROGRAM AND ON ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED CONCERN RE LACK OF INFORMATION ON STATUS SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS, DOCUMENTATION, ETC. WHEN IT WAS LEARNED EXDIR WOULD BE IN NY THIS WEEK, IT WAS AGREED SWEDES WOULD ASCERTAIN WHERE THINGS STOOD GENERALLY AND STRONG' S PREOCCUPATIONS ON PREPARATIONS AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH GROUP ACCORDINGLY, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY SEEKING EARLY MEETING THIS GROUP WITH STRONG.

4. GROUP ALSO AGREED INFORMAL MEETINGS PRIOR GC IN JUNE SHOULD BE OF SERVICE NATURE AND NOT SEEK DECIDE MATTERS WHICH WOULD PREEMPT FUNCTIONS OF GC AND WOULD IN ANY CASE, BE RESENTED. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT MEETING TOWARD END OF MAY SHOULD BE OPEN- ENDED FOR ALL MEMBERS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR INDICATED UNEP SECRETARIAT THINKING OF TWO OR THREE DAY MEETING AROUND MAY 24 AND 25. RESPONSE WAS THREE DAYS TOO LONG AND DOUBT EVEN THAT TWO DAYS NECESSARY. ALSO SEVERAL COUNTRY REPS ASKED FOR CARE TO BE TAKEN TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH REVIEW AND APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DURING THOSE DAYS.

5. BRITO (BRAZIL) SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS IN SMALL GROUP, PERHAPS SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN MEETING TODAY, DURING PERIOD BETWEEN MAY 24-25 MEETING AND MEETING OF GOVERNING COUNCIL IN GENEVA IN JUNE IN ORDER TO SORT OUT DIFFERENCES AMONG COUNTRIES ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS. GENERAL REACTION TO PROPOSAL WAS FAVORABLE ALTHOUGH SOME COMMENTED THAT THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE TIME.

6. ON BASIS OF COMMENTS AT MEETING, BELIEVE SWEDES WILL BE WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO HOLD ANOTHER SMALL MEETING PRIOR TO LATE MAY OPEN- ENDED MEETING IF DEEMED DESIRABLE, AND SUCH MEETING LIKELY TO BE SOMEWHAT WIDER MEMBERSHIP PROBABLY INCLUDING EASTERN EUROPEANS.

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